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Under Section "[30] Foreign Application Priority Data", delete "H8-326822" and  
insert therefor -- H8-316822 --.

Under Section "FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS", the first reference cited, delete  
"60-164414" and insert therefor -- 60-194414 --.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claims, claims 24-26.

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-24. A lens barrel comprising:  
    a plurality of lenses forming a photographic optical system;  
    a lens holding frame holding at least one of said lenses, said lens holding frame being  
    movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and  
    a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member disposed on one of an optical path of  
    said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts one of said lenses  
    and said lens holding frame so as to be deformed when said lens holding frame is moved in  
    a given direction along the optical axis.

25. A lens barrel comprising:

    a plurality of lenses forming a photographic optical system;

a lens holding frame holding at least one of said lenses, said lens holding frame being movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and

a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member and provided as part of a frame other than said lens holding frame so that said flare diaphragm is disposed on one of an optical path of said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts one of said lenses and said lens holding frame so as to be deformed when said lens holding frame is moved in a given direction along the optical axis.

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26. A lens barrel comprising:

lenses forming a photographic optical system;  
a frame movable along an optical axis of said lenses; and  
a flare diaphragm formed by a flexible member disposed on one of an optical path of said lenses and in a vicinity thereof such that said flare diaphragm contacts said frame to be deformed when said frame is moved in a given direction along the optical axis.

### REMARKS

This Amendment sets forth the newly added claims 24-26 which cure the inoperativeness pointed out by the inventors in the accompanying Reissue Declarations, Powers of Attorney and Petitions.